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3 MS. HILDEBRAND: Yes.

4 MODERATOR BROWN: So Leana Hildebrand is
5 here, and welcome.

6 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you.

7 MODERATOR BROWN: If you can just state your
8 name, organizational affiliation, if appropriate, and
9 we're ready to go.

10 MS. HILDEBRAND: Okay, my name is Leana
11 Hildebrand, and I'm actually here on behalf of myself
12 and my family. I'm a lifetime native Nevadan, of
13 course. And I'm a lifetime resident of Las Vegas,
14 Nevada. Up until very recently, I was a property owner
15 of a 5 and a quarter acre ranch in the heart of
16 Las Vegas. I, at this time am a property owner of a
17 20-acre parcel in Pahrump, Nevada, as well as a home in
18 North Las Vegas. And I'm here today because I am very
19 passionately and completely opposed to Yucca Mountain.
20 Nevada and Las Vegas, they, that is my home.
21 And I'm not willing to sacrifice that for whatever
22 project or program, whatever happens to be the new
23 flavor of the month or of the last 20 years that
24 happens to be coming down the line from the federal

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25 government. Personally, as a property owner, I would

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1 like to bring the attention which was, I was fortunate
2 enough to do a little research before I came here, and
3 it is, it is a fact that your property is not insured
4 against any type of accident, and that's not an
5 accident regarding the actual mountain, but regarding
6 transportation as well. And if you don't believe me,
7 you should check your policy, because the big four,
8 State Farm, Farmers, Allstate and AAA all have it as an
9 exclusion, at that means any type of damage to your
10 home, you are S.O.L. and you are meant to pay for it
11 yourself, so you have no home or you have a damaged
12 home and you have no money coming from your homeowner's
13 insurance, so basically you have no safety net.

14 And the same goes for your health insurance.
15 Any type of illness you are S.O.L. again, you are to
16 pay for that on your own. And what I find so
17 concerning is that as I'm doing some research for
18 myself, and I'm reading the newspaper, I find the Yucca
19 Mountain Project and the DOE's, all of their little
20 sentences spread across the front page and then right
21 usually in the B section, you also see discussion about

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22 the test site workers and their negotiation for
23 benefits. So we are to believe that everything is
24 safe, everything is fine, but then this same agency has
25 already proven that they can't do it safely.

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1 And I'm not willing to sacrifice my life, my
2 home, my livelihood, my savings, my plans for the
3 future, my investments for the future, I'm not willing
4 to sacrifice that for a maybe from those that perhaps
5 don't even live here, or let alone have an alternative
6 motive to basically cram this project down my throat.

7 And I use very strong words, because I feel
8 it needs to be made a strong notion that how vehemently
9 I am opposed to this project. I feel that those that
10 discuss negotiation of benefits are doing nothing but
11 whoring themselves, and that is a strong word, but so
12 is the actual planning of deciding that your children,
13 your husband, your wife, your mother, your father, your
14 niece or nephew, your God Children are worth whatever
15 amount of money that they're willing to give, and I'm
16 here today to state that I cannot be purchased. You
17 cannot afford me. I'm worth more than that. My
18 personal self is worth more than whatever figure you're

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19 willing to give me as far as negotiation of benefits,

20 so that's a moot point as far as I'm concerned.

21 It's a moot point, because it doesn't apply

22 to me. Or anyone else in my life. So I'm hoping that

23 I do come here with a little bit of substance to those

24 of you that do pay property taxes, because I happen to

25 be a very large property taxpayer. I do pay my

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1 property taxes. I do pay for the upkeep on my home and

2 my residence, and I do pay for my contribution to this

3 community. I took the time out of my day to drive from

4 my 8-hour job, drive two hours down the beautiful road

5 that I have never driven before, and got the pleasure

6 of driving at night, to come here because I believe it

7 is important to be heard to state I do not want this

8 project in my state.

9 More importantly, I do not want any type of

10 project such as this anywhere in my country. I do not

11 feel that it can be done safely. I believe that sound

12 science has never been the actual program. It has

13 always been about political power.

14 My family has been here since the '60s. I

15 was raised on a street that was named after my father.

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16 He had large political influence with some good old
17 boys from the Masonic Lodge as well as the Shrine
18 Temple. I myself and am a past honor queen of Job's
19 Daughters, Bethel Number 3, and I'm sure the names Lamb
20 and Moran would ring true especially to law enforcement
21 here, but I do not believe that you can tell me I don't
22 know what I'm speaking about when it comes to the love
23 that I have for this state.

24 I am not willing to put aside whatever
25 feelings of fear that I may have to keep speaking out
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1 and state that this will not occur in my state. I will
2 do whatever I have to, if it means putting my own body
3 on the line, to stop those trucks from rolling in,
4 because that is how seriously I feel about this project
5 not going through. And I'd like to state also that
6 very quickly, the unfortunate incidents of September
7 11th and what they have done to our economy, especially
8 for my city of Las Vegas, I do not think that anyone
9 has a clue what occurred. If we were to have an
10 accident of any kind, in any proportion, at any level,
11 because I do not think that the people will be coming
12 to see the nuclear waste fallout. I mean it's not like

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13 Three Mile Island is big on the AAA books of tourism,
14 so that does affect tourism. It does affect the
15 economy. It does people put out of work. Just the
16 sheer mention of it affects economy, it affects
17 people's perception of Las Vegas.

18 Las Vegas has grown from the time that I
19 could ride my horse from my home to Sunset Park, to the
20 fact that it would take me 15 minutes to get to the
21 same area in a car. So when I state it's grown, I may
22 be only 30 years old, but I have seen it grow before my
23 eyes, and I have a name that does have recognition in
24 the Las Vegas Valley, and I have been speaking for
25 everyone that I know and those that don't really want
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1 to hear but are going to listen, because I will do
2 whatever possible to speak for myself and for myself
3 against this project.

4 I want to thank you very much for allowing me
5 to speak today. And I appreciate, I know that
6 unfortunately I'm not going to be able to speak in
7 Pahrump, due to scheduling conflict, but I appreciate
8 being allowed to speak here today in this valley. And
9 I just want to say thank you to all those very

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- 10 courageous activists and those in the progressive
- 11 movement that every day sacrifice their time away from
- 12 their families to fight for what they believe in.
- 13 Thank you very much.